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FINAL 1986 PRODUCTION ESTIMATE - UP 6 PERCENT

U.S. production of cranberries in 1986 totaled 3.68 million barrels (167 thousand metric tons), 6 percent more than the 1985 crop. The area harvested, at 24.9 thousand acres (10.1 thousand hectares), is an increase of 2 percent from 1985. Average yield increased to 148 barrels per acre, up 5.0 barrels per acre from the previous year. Average price per barrel decreased $2.90 to $51.60. Value of production, at $190 million, is fractionally lower than 1985 due largely to the price per barrel decrease.

1987 PRODUCTION FORECAST - DOWN FRACTIONALLY

The forecast of the 1987 U.S. cranberry crop is for 3.68 million barrels (167 thousand metric tons), down fractionally from 1986 but up 5 percent from the 1985 crop.

The Massachusetts crop is forecast at 178 million barrels, 2 percent below a year ago but up 6 percent from 1985. Bogs over-wintered well. Some Bogs were damaged by spring flooding. Bloom was average to heavy and a June frost caused limited damage. Set was average. By mid-August, berry size was medium. Dry weather for the last two months has caused heavy irrigation. Rain is needed to replenish water supplies that have been sufficient so far. Fruit worm and root rot are being controlled.

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New Jersey expects a crop of 325 thousand barrels, the same as 1986 but up 2 percent from 1985. Bloom and set were average to heavy. Pollination appeared to be very poor in early June but improved dramatically by mid-June. Berry size is average to large.

Oregon expects a crop of 132 thousand barrels, 8 percent more than last year and 32 percent greater than 1985. The major cranberry region along the south coast had a dry spring which left water supplies below normal. However, the crop is in generally good condition with growers optimistic about yields. Fruit set was fair to good and size is good to excellent. Black vine weevil has been a problem thoughout the State.

The Washington crop is forecast at 126 thousand barrels, 26 percent more than last year but 15 percent less than 1985. A mild winter brought heavy bloom and early maturity. Some areas had an extended bloom period which caused variations in set and size. An early June frost caused some damage. Insect damage has been common with extensive black weevil damage.

Production in Wisconsin is forecast at 1.31 million barrels, down 1 percent from 1986 but up 7 percent from 1985. Growing conditions have been generally good this year. Little winter or hail damage has been reported. Heavy rains during bloom caused some damage in the central and west central areas of the State. Hot weather slowed bee activity during pollination. Insect damage has been limited.

CRANBERRY PRODUCTION

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL		
	1985	1986	INDICATED 1987
	BARRELS		
MASS	1,687,000	1,813,000	1,780,000
N J	320,000	325,000	325,000
OREG	100,000	122,000	132,000
WASH	148,000	100,000	126,000
WIS	1,230,000	1,320,000	1,312,200
U S	3,485,000	3,680,000	3,675,200

CRANBERRIES: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION, PRICE AND VALUE, BY STATES, 1985 AND 1986

YEAR AND STATE	AREA HARVESTED	YIELD PER ACRE	PRODUCTION	UTILIZATION			
			TOTAL	UTILIZED	FRESH	PROCESSED	SHRINKAGE 1/
	ACRES		BARRELS				
1985							
MASS	11,300	149.3	1,687,000	1,687,000	167,000	1,472,000	48,000
N J	3,300	97.0	320,000	320,000		319,000	1,000
OREG	1,100	90.9	100,000	100,000	100	99,900	
WASH	1,200	123.3	148,000	148,000	40,700	106,300	1,000
WIS	7,500	164.0	1,230,000	1,230,000	106,000	1,096,000	28,000
U S	24,400	142.8	3,485,000	3,485,000	313,800	3,093,200	78,000
1986							
MASS	11,200	160.4	1,813,000	1,813,000	159,000	1,529,000	125,000
N J	3,300	98.5	325,000	325,000		324,000	1,000
OREG	1,200	102.0	122,000	122,000		122,000	
WASH	1,200	83.3	100,000	100,000	46,200	53,400	400
WIS	7,900	167.1	1,320,000	1,320,000	136,000	1,165,000	19,000
U S	24,900	147.8	3,680,000	3,680,000	341,200	3,193,400	145,400

	PRICE PER BARREL 2/	VALUE OF PRODUCTION
	ALL	TOTAL
	DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
1985		
MASS	54.80	92,448
N J	55.30	17,696
OREG	55.50	5,550
WASH	55.50	8,214
WIS	55.70	66,017
U S	54.50	189,925
1986 3/		
MASS	51.70	93,732
N J	52.80	17,160
OREG	53.00	6,466
WASH	53.00	5,300
WIS	50.90	67,188
U S	51.60	189,846

1/ CRANBERRIES PAID FOR BY PROCESSORS AND LOST BECAUSE OF DEHYDRATION AND BERRY BREAKDOWN AFTER DELIVERY. 2/ EQUIVALENT RETURNS AT FIRST DELIVERY POINT, SCREENED BASIS OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION. 3/ BREAKDOWN OF PRICES BETWEEN FRESH AND PROCESSED NOT AVAILABLE.

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